

# TREASURES OF NORFOLK ISLAND

SOLOS ONLY 45 Years and Over



## 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

This discovery will have you exploring the best of Norfolk Island. Norfolk Island holds its own unique character like no other, and only a visit can truly pass on the charm of this special island.

Discovered by Captain James Cook around 1788, he described Norfolk Island as "Paradise". However, it was then soon to become a harsh penal colony and home to many convicts. These days it's back to an island paradise full of history and culture. It is home to the descendants of the Bounty mutineers whose barefoot manners, warmth and hospitality have been woven into the island's unique and timeless rhythm – a special charm that draws visitors back time and time again.

With its luscious rolling hills and turquoise lagoon, it truly is a beautiful place. Get ready to enjoy some unique discoveries including watching The Trial of the Fifteen play, a full day historical tour of Kingston, a green finger tour, some delightful island dining, and enjoy a breakfast bushwalk with your new-found friends.

With so much to offer, why wouldn't you discover the treasures of Norfolk Island for yourself?

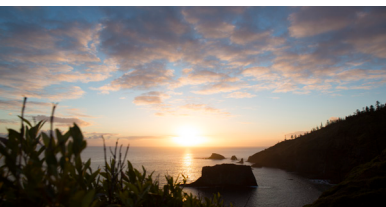
## SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- A morning discovery orientation tour across the island including
- Visit family homes for a progressive dinner, hearing stories from descendants of the original island families
- Tour the historic Kingston site, including museum visits
- Commandants' dinner and show evening
- A morning bush walk with a barbeque breakfast
- Gardener's Delight tour
- An island Fish Fry
- Local dining including a highlight dinner at one of the island's best local restaurants
- Gain a full appreciation of this unique island with its own language and profound history
- Hear stories from real bounty mutineer descendants



## TRIP PACE - 2 OUT OF 5

A leisurely to moderately paced tour. You will see a lot on this tour and cover a lot of ground. There is some free time. Touring is always most enjoyed when you have a good level of fitness.



## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- 6 breakfasts
- 6 dinners including a dinner show

### SIGHTSEEING & GUIDES

- Group touring with local driver-guides
- Group touring as detailed by itinerary
- On island local host meet ups

### OTHER

- Air-conditioned vehicles for touring
- Return airport to hotel transfers #
- Small group, not more than 22 travellers

# if booking additional nights of stay hotel to airport transfers provided where accommodation is booked with us as part of your arrangement.

## TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares (unless requested)
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage
- Visa fees
- Any tips for tour personnel or hotel staff
- Porter service at airports or hotel
- Meals and beverages not specific on itinerary
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry & medical expenses
- Incidental expenses such as taxi fares, telecommunications

## TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded solo travellers
3. Small groups
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Roommate matching option

## FELLOW TRAVELLERS

You will enjoy this small group experience with a maximum group size of 22 travellers. This tour is exclusively for single-solo travellers.

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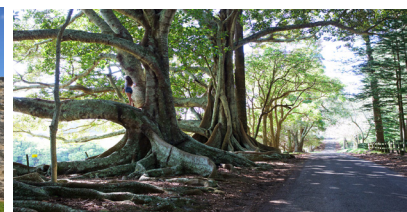
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## ABOUT US

At Encounter Travel we offer holiday groups for solo travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like minded travellers. Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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### TRAVEL DATES:

MON 10 - SUN 16 APR 2023

MON 2 - SUN 8 OCT 2023

### TOUR PRICE:

APR23: AUD3325 OWN ROOM

OCT23: AUD3325 OWN ROOM

### SHARE & SAVE:

Ask us about our share and save option with our roommmate matching option.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

The days or timing for excursions conducted may vary for your tour but the inclusions remain the same (unless for reasons out of our control). The final itinerary for each departure is issued with documentation.

### DIRECT FLIGHTS

The itinerary connects with the direct flight to/from Sydney. If opting for the direct flight, Brisbane to Norfolk Island additional nights of stay pre and post tour dates are required. Additional accommodation cost applies.

### DAY 1 Arrival to Norfolk Island

Flights (from Sydney) arrive in the afternoon and a transfer is provided from the airport to our group hotel. In the afternoon, our on-island host will meet the group at the hotel for an introduction. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a group dinner, before touring the island starts tomorrow.

Meals: Dinner

### FREE TIME EXTRAS:

If you have arrived prior to day one, you may like to take the opportunity to visit the nearby Cyclorama; see the island's story and cast your eye over the local shop where you arrange entry to see Cyclorama (small entry fee applies).

### DAY 2 Discover Norfolk

At breakfast our local host will be on hand to answer any queries and recap the day's excursion's ahead before you set off on your morning tour with your local driver-guide.

#### Morning: Discover Our World Tour

An introductory tour taking you on an Island wide route covering the main points of interest including commentary on the early island and peoples' history as well as the current day environment.

#### Afternoon: Pitcairn Settlers Village

Experience the proud history of the Pitcairn Island Settlers. Your guided tour will take you through the gracious original Bailey homestead & gardens. Then on to a stroll through the barn, dairy and out-buildings. Wander through the Museum filled with items of nostalgic and historic interest. See the oldest working forge in the Pacific. After that there's an Ex New Zealand Army hut, with war-time memorabilia. And finally, there's an exclusive film of Norfolk Island interest and complimentary refreshments.

#### Progressive Dinner

A legendary fixture on Norfolk Island itineraries - get a taste of the real Norfolk lifestyle. Dine at three homes in three completely different parts of the island. The evening includes a Bounty mutineer descendant entertaining you with his story of life on Norfolk, and locals of the island's sharing remarkable history, the cultural heritage, practices and industries of the island. An evening to relax and enjoy the home-cooked food, bursting with the goodness of fresh island produce. Chat with your fellow diners and soak up the stories of your island hosts. They'll share their passion for their little island paradise.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 3

#### Colleen Mc Cullough Home. Convict History.

An easy paced morning before setting of mid morning. At breakfast our local host will be on hand to answer any queries and recap the day's excursion's ahead before you set off on your day's discoveries.

#### Morning: Colleen McCullough Home

A glimpse into the life of this modern-day literary icon. The world-renowned author called Norfolk Island home for almost 36 years. It is here that she created some of her most powerful books, at her beloved property "Out Yenna". Colleen authored some 24 books during her lifetime. Some of the more noteworthy, for instance, include "Tim", "The Thornbirds" and "Morgan's Run".

#### Afternoon: Convict Kingston Tour

Learn about World Heritage Listed Kingston. You'll hear about the first settlers, the Polynesians who came 900 years ago. And gain an insight into our first and second settlements as well as the facts and legends associated with each. After that you'll learn how Norfolk became home to the descendants of the infamous Bounty mutiny and there's time to walk through the historic cemetery.

#### Evening: Commandants Dinner & Show

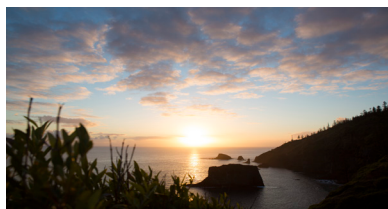
This factual yet fun dinner theatre is and a great way to learn about Norfolk's history. Hear how the convicts were treated by sadists and reformers alike. Listen to a chilling recall of one of the infamous rebellions. Then marvel at how the Commandants and their families adapted to life in a Norfolk Island penal colony, recreating a little piece of England in the Pacific. Take in the show with a three course dinner created with traditional English fare to compliment the theatrical setting.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 4 Breakfast Bushwalk. A Taste of Norfolk.

#### Morning: Breakfast Bushwalk

The walk caters for varied fitness levels with a barbeque breakfast waiting at the end; a relaxed ramble through the National Park. You'll walk along the



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Bridle Track which runs from Red Road to Captain Cook's Memorial. Your local guide can help you identify local grasses, ferns, shrubs and trees as well as bird species. For those that want to sleep in, or the walk does not suit we can arrange a pick up later to join the walkers for the BBQ breakfast. Walkers depart around 7:15am

Returning from your walk, the rest of the morning is at your leisure until your afternoon tour.

### Afternoon: Taste of Norfolk

Enjoy meeting some passionate locals. Visit a beekeeper's home where you will view flow hives. Here you'll learn about the fascinating local honeybees and view their incredible flight path to their hives. Next stop a local farm and the last visit will be a cooking demonstration. Here you will create green banana fritters flavoured with local honey, sit back and relax and enjoy.

### Early Evening: Island Fish Feast

Set with the magnificent backdrop of the ocean stretching to the far horizon a relaxed dinner of scrumptiously fresh, local fish prepared the local way and accompanied with a range of seasonal island dishes including those passed down from Polynesian fore-mothers. The feast kicks off with entertainment, by a local singer and Tahitian-style dancers.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 5 Gardens

MORNING: Gardeners Delight Tour

Visit four amazing gardens;

- a behind the scenes look of a market garden complete with a flower garden and an orchard
- visit a secluded old Island home surrounded by the most amazing gardens
- another local garden that's a labour of love
- and a garden with amazing views

Some time at leisure this afternoon before coming together for a group dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Dinner

## DAY 6 Musuem Visits

A morning at leisure before an afternoon excursion and our farewell group dinner at one of the island's loveliest restaurants.

### Afternoon: Norfolk Island Museums

Located in four of Kingston's World Heritage buildings, visiting three Museums and the restored home at number #10 helps you discover the turbulent past and today's living culture. A Museum Pass lets you explore at your own pace with multiple entries and guided tours.

Some hours free later in the day before meeting up for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 7 Depart Norfolk Island | to Sydney

Your beautiful discovery of this special island will come to an end after breakfast. There is the option to extend your stay at the time of booking your place on the tour.

Meals: Breakfast

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## HOTELS

### PARADISE HOTEL & RESORT

The Paradise Hotel & Resort on Norfolk Island is a family owned and operated hotel and has recently undergone a large renovations to a majority of the rooms.

Set among 11 acres of lush sub-tropical gardens, the Paradise Hotel & Resort boasts 49 spacious rooms in four accommodation styles spread across two levels (primarily ground floor). All of the rooms are located in close proximity to reception, the restaurant and swimming pool and offer something to suit every traveller and budget – whether it be double, triple, twin share or single stay.

During your stay, why not relax by our swimming pool with a cocktail or enjoy dinner at one of the island's finest restaurants – The Garden Restaurant & Bar. Enjoy indoor & outdoor dining with

seasonal menus created by our talented Chef's using fresh local produce.

## TRAVEL TO NORFOLK ISLAND

- From Sydney and Brisbane you depart Australia to Norfolk Island from the international airport terminal - but, you don't go through the passport Smart E-gates as it's still considered a domestic flight. Instead, go to a manned passport control both.
- Security check with limits on liquids, aerosols and gel applies.

## GST ON NORFOLK ISLAND

GST and other indirect taxes don't apply to Norfolk Island.

The Norfolk Island GST ceased on 1 July 2016 and the Australian GST doesn't apply to Norfolk Island residents. Therefore Norfolk Island businesses shouldn't charge GST, or advertise prices including GST, or issue invoices including GST for transactions on Norfolk Island. More ATO information.

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